

The American Steamship line on Bowling Green the officers of the company say they have received no details of the trip to the Paris and the only information they had was stated in a short cablegram sent to the Maritime exchange. The officers say, however, that no fears need be entertained for the safety of the Paris, as she was considered to be unshakable.

SWAMPED BY HEAVY SEAS. Iron Steamer Alert Goes Down on the Victoria Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—(Special to Bee.)—The iron steamer Alert, while on her voyage from Port Albert to Melbourne, recently sank in a terrible gale, and of the fifteen men aboard, but one managed to reach land to tell the story of the disaster. When the Alert left Port Albert she had a crew of twelve men, all told, besides two passengers. When the steamer rounded Cape Schanck a southerly gale was blowing which lashed the canvas. An enormous wave broke over the decks, and as the ship rolled the seas filled the ship with water, carrying off everything movable and passed down in the hatches and skylights into the vessel. The fires in the engine room were put out at once, and all hands were scarcely on deck before one sea after another broke over the steamer, burying her to the gunwale. Then she suddenly went down under their feet and all were left struggling in the waves. Pointing, the cook, managed to get hold of a cable and cling to it all through the night. When day was breaking he touched sandy bottom, staggered a few steps up the beach, and fell unconscious. It was not until he saw his rescuers around him. Captain McDonald, his officers and the crew of the brigantine Eilian Donan, arrived in Sydney by the French steamer Ville de la Ciot from Noumea on January 19, and brought news of the loss of their vessel. The Eilian Donan, while in the act of going about to the westward, was about a mile northward of Long Island, west shore and was broken up.

Another outrage has been committed by the natives upon a vessel of the coast of Pentecost island. The natives are stated to have attacked the schooner Petrel and killed a few months ago. They put off to the Petrel, boarded her and tomahawked several members of the crew.

The ship Jessie Redman is ashore at Chatham Islands and the steamer Tellerden has struck on a reef at MacDonnell bay. The shipmasters report considerable ice in the south Atlantic.

RESCUED ON THE HIGH SEAS.

Crew of the Schooner Maggie Saved by the Steamer Drummond. LONDON, Feb. 16.—The British steamer Drummond, Captain Mundle, from New Orleans, January 24, for Rotterdam, has arrived at Dartmouth and landed Captain Moore and the crew of six men of the schooner Maggie, which was abandoned on January 31 in latitude 37, longitude 69. During a terrible hurricane the Maggie was thrown on her beams ends and to right the vessel the masts were cut away. During the height of the storm the mate was washed overboard. The Drummond, however, in spite of the time, as the crew were almost entirely exhausted with their efforts to save the vessel. The rescue was made with the greatest difficulty on account of the high sea and rough weather. Captain Moore and his crew have gone to Liverpool and will go by steamer to America.

CANNOT FLOAT HER.

Little Hope of Saving the Wrecked Cruiser Kearsarge. COLON, Feb. 16.—The authorities at Washington have been in communication with Admiral Stanton, recently in command of the wrecked cruiser Kearsarge, as to the possibility of saving the hull of that historic craft. It is understood here that Admiral Stanton and the officers of the Kearsarge have expressed the opinion that there is little or no chance of ever floating the Kearsarge again.

This Is Meant for You.

It has been truly said that half the world does not know how the other half lives. Comparatively few people have perfect health owing to the impure condition of our blood. But we rub along from day to day, with scarcely a thought, unless forced to our attention by the thousand ailments which are suffering from scrofula, salt rheum and other serious blood disorders, and whose ailments can only be imagined. The marked success of Hood's Sarsaparilla for these troubles, as shown in our advertising columns frequently, certainly seems to justify using the use of this medicine for these ailments who know that their blood is disordered. Every claim in behalf of Hood's Sarsaparilla is fully backed up by what the medicine has done and is still doing, and what its proprietors urge its merits and its use upon all who suffer from impure blood, in great or small degrees, they certainly mean to include you.

WILL PAY ALL DEBTS.

Siox Falls Driving Park Association Now Ready for Business.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Feb. 16.—(Special to Bee.)—Yesterday the Siox Falls Driving Park association deposited in a national bank here \$4,000, or \$100 more than enough to pay off all the indebtedness of the association. The money was subscribed by the members of the association, who are secured against loss by \$3,000 of suspended entries which are due until last year's meetings. This money is considered as good as paid, as it is assessed against 153 horses, none of which can start this year until all the suspended entries assessed against them are paid. Neither can the drivers of these steppers go into a race until all accounts against the horses are squared. Two meetings will be given by the association this year, one in July and one August, the September meeting having been abandoned. The dates of the July meeting are the 10th, 11th, 12th and 13th. The August dates have not yet been determined. The association here is corresponding with the Hamlin Driving Park association, with a view to joining an independent association.

Will Assist in Arranging the Schedules.

MILWAUKEE, Feb. 16.—Henry B. Stanton of New York, general receiver for all the branch lines, has joined the Northern Pacific colony here. He has come for the purpose of assisting in the work of making up and separate traffic agreements between the Northern Pacific railroad receivers and the receivers of the twenty-five branch lines, formerly a part of the Northern Pacific system, which is at present under way in this city, and which is the real cause of the receivers remaining here. Sessions are held daily, and other business relations between the branch lines were cancelled. Mr. Payne says they expect to have the matter completed within a day or two.

SERIES LEVEN.

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THE BEE COUPON.

World's Fair Art Portfolio.

To secure this superb souvenir send or bring six coupons of this series bearing different dates with 10 cents in coin to ART PORTFOLIO DEPT. Bee Office, Omaha.

ROBBERS TURN THE SWITCH

Awful Deed of a Couple of California Highwaymen.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—Southern Pacific train No. 29 was robbed at Roscoe station this morning about 11 o'clock. This is the place that the same train was robbed about six weeks ago. The train was delayed in leaving here and did not get away until about 11:30 last night. It was heavily loaded with passengers and the Wells Fargo company shipments were unusually heavy. The train reached Burbank, about six miles north of this city, and reported back all right. At Roscoe, four miles north of Burbank, there is no station, but a siding. As the train approached this switch Engineer Thomas saw, too late, that the switch was misplaced and vainly tried to stop the train, but he could not do it, and the engine and two freight cars of oranges went into the ditch, the engine turning over and burying the engineer and fireman. The two freight cars were a total wreck.

As soon as the wreck occurred masked men appeared on the train and commenced a fusillade, and every one knew that the mission of the desperadoes was robbery. The train was stopped by the robbers, and bombs were placed under the express car. The messenger refused to open the car and the whole side was blown off. The train was then pushed to the emergency as soon as he heard the shots, and made a run for the neighboring ranch house where a search light. He cannot tell how much the robbers got, but it is probable they cleaned out the express car, as they had their own way when he left. He said that Engineer Thomas was badly hurt, as well as the fireman, and Dr. Ainsworth, the company's surgeon here, left on a light engine for the scene. Foster could not tell whether any passengers were hurt, but thought they were only badly shaken up.

Two posses of deputy sheriffs have just left for the scene, and a wrecking train is now making up to clear the track. Foster has an idea that Evans and Morrell may have participated in the affair, but as there were three men there and hardly deemed possible. A fusillade of pistol shots was continuously kept up, and it is not unlikely that some of the train crew or passengers may have been hurt before they found out what the matter was. It is almost certain that the express messenger was hurt, as the two explosions of dynamite bombs were fired on the express car.

Fireman Arthur Master was pinned between the cab and the tender and died as a result of the explosion. The train was wrecked on the bank ten feet above the engine. The fireman Master was pinned between the cab and the tender and died as he was taken out.

Larry Engler, the express messenger, in charge of the Wells-Fargo car and the only person in it, gave his version of the affair as follows: "The first thing I knew was a terrible shock and I at once knew there was a wreck, but of course did not know what was the matter. The explosion of dynamite was the next thing heard at the right hand door. I was standing near the center of the car when the bomb exploded. It shattered the floor and the roof, and the car was soon filled with smoke. The robbers then began shooting, warning me to get out. I tried to open the door quickly. They shoved a rifle through the door. I obeyed them under the penalty of death. The robbers came in and got all they could. I was pinned between the cab and the tender and died as he was taken out."

Quick Relief From Rheumatism.

Mrs. Emily Thorne, who resides at Toledo, Wash., says she has never been able to procure any medicine that relieves the pain so quickly and effectually as Chamberlain's Pain Balm, and that she has used it for a lame back with great success. For sale by druggists.

KNOXVILLE COLLEGE BURNED.

Main Buildings of the Famous Negro Educational Institution Burned. KNOXVILLE, Tenn., Feb. 16.—Knoxville college, one of the best known institutions for the education of the negroes, was badly damaged by fire early this morning. The boys' dormitory, chapel and main building were destroyed with a loss of \$50,000. The alarm was given before the flames gained headway, and all of the 250 or 300 pupils escaped without injury. Nothing of the contents of the building was saved.

BLAZED FOR TWO HOURS.

Five-Story Wholesale Drug House in Detroit (one in Smoke).

DETROIT, Feb. 16.—Flames were discovered at 6 o'clock this morning issuing from the third story of the wholesale drug house of Farrand, Williams & Clark, Nos. 32 and 34 Woodward avenue. Owing to huge snow drifts in the street and the large number of telegraph and trolley wires the fire department was seriously delayed in getting to work and the flames gained great headway and rapidly spread to the upper stories. At 8 o'clock the fire was under control. The drug firm estimate their loss at \$150,000. Loss on buildings, \$29,000; insurance, \$25,000.

Identified by Their Victims.

Messrs. Herman, Howard and Coleman arrested Thursday for swindling others by selling tickets for a charity concert that was never to be held, were persons much sought after yesterday.

The turkey at the city jail was kept busy all of the forenoon bringing up the three swindlers to be identified.

More than two dozen persons who had read an account of the swindle in the morning papers called at headquarters to see the men who had been raising the "hospital fund" in every case the prisoners were identified.

As far as is known the only person ahead of the game is the janitor of Washington hall. He was paid \$3 in cash to bind the bargain for the use of the hall. The balance was promised on the night of the ball.

It was learned that the sharpers had intended to leave town Thursday noon, but were delayed by a laundryman who had not brought back their linen.

City Prosecutor Shoemaker looked over the list of victims yesterday and picked out about twenty individuals who will be requested by the police to identify the complainants alleging that the defendants obtained money under false pretenses.

The prisoners had a talk with Attorney T. J. Maloney yesterday, but the lawyer has not decided yet whether he will take their case.

President Yates of the Nebraska National called at headquarters and identified Coleman as the man to whom he gave a \$10 check. This check was made payable to J. C. Woodward, treasurer. Coleman ordered the check for Woodward and under it marked "per J. P. Williams." The amount called for was obtained and an effort will be made to stick Coleman for forgery. A check given by Euclid Martin was endorsed the same way and the money was paid by the Omaha National. Coleman's parties in South Omaha who were made victims by the swindlers have signed a request asking the proper authorities to turn over to Rescue hall the proceeds of the money recovered from the prisoners.

You should keep Salvation Oil on hand; it will cure all aches and pains. Price, 25 cts.

Keer Smith is Dead.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 16.—Ex-Congressman A. Keer Smith died today from complications of disease, aged 79 years. He served in the Forty-third, Forty-fourth,

WOMEN IN COUNCIL

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unanimous consent, at 4:15, the house took a recess until 8 o'clock. Tonight, the first evening session of this congress for the consideration of pension bills, Mr. Kilgore of Texas blocked all proceedings. Martin, chairman of the committee on invalid pensions, announced that there were but thirty-four bills on the calendar and moved to go into the committee of the whole. Mr. Kilgore promptly demanded a division, which developed the presence of but twenty-two members, and Mr. Kilgore promptly made the point of order that many appeals were made to Mr. Kilgore, but he was obdurate.

The roll was then called to determine officially who was present. Twenty-four members responded to their names, and, upon the announcement, on motion of Mr. Martin the house adjourned.

GOVERNMENT LITIGATION.

Manner in Which the Department of Justice is Hampered.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The Pacific railroad litigation and various other suits in which the government is interested has directed the attention of the house committee on appropriations to the meager amount allowed the Department of Justice in the employment of special counsel. The railroads and other private interests retain the ablest lawyers in the country, but such special counsel as is retained by the government must be brought in at a rate which few lawyers of standing will accept.

While Mr. Miller was attorney general the honor for employing special counsel was \$25,000 annually. It stands at that sum in the sundry civil appropriation bill recently reported to the house. The attorney general is obliged to spread this \$25,000 over the entire country and through the entire year. It has been found that the total was so small that no retainer beyond \$2,500 was warranted. It has been urged to members of the committee that counsel of sufficient ability to manage the most important cases could be obtained for \$2,500. One of the officials of the Department of Justice recently talked unofficially with members of the committee to the need of a larger special fund, and it is probable that the attorney general will authorize an official request for an advance in the appropriation to clear the track.

The proposition for an advance may be opposed in the committee, on the ground that the regular legal officers of the government should attend to their duties without the employment of outside counsel. But to this the answer is made that the Pacific railroad litigation and other important suits demand that the government should have a legal array equal, at least, to those representing private interests. While the theory is admitted that government attorneys should manage government suits, it is said that the application of this theory to important suits will seriously cripple the important side of cases involving many millions.

OCEAN MAIL SERVICE.

Complications with the Pacific Mail Steamship Company.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The question of inflicting a penalty on the Pacific Mail steamship company for its violation of the terms of the contract for carrying the mails between New York and Colon and San Francisco and Hong Kong is under consideration by Postmaster General Bissell. The contract went into operation February 1, 1892, and provided for ten years service. The schedule required three mail trips a year between New York and Colon for the first two years and once a week for the remaining period. Between San Francisco and Hong Kong the contract required three mail trips a year during the first two years and twenty-six for the remaining eight years. As the required number of mail trips was not made by the company Superintendent of Foreign Mails Brooks brought the matter to the attention of the postmaster general a few days ago and the latter has assumed the question with Second Assistant J. Lowell Bell. The penalty is discretionary with the postmaster general. It is possible that the contract will be canceled, resulting in the payment of the company, according to weight of mails carried, instead of on a per trip basis. The contract provided for a mile for outward trips, no compensation being paid for mails carried on return voyages.

IN THE SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The public session of the senate today was unusually brief and uninteresting.

Senator Brice of Ohio presented a petition signed by 25,000 citizens of Cuyahoga county, asking that the duty be retained on iron ore. The binding two manufacturers of Massachusetts, through Senator Lodge, presented a petition asking for a hearing before the finance committee.

Andrew D. White of New York was appointed a member of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.

Senator Chandler presented a resolution directing the secretary of the treasury to inform the senate the names of immigration commissioners in different parts of the United States. It was adopted.

On motion of Senator Hoar a resolution was adopted providing that the senate be not incompatible with the public interests, to communicate to the senate all records and dispatches from Mr. Willis, the present minister to Hawaii. It was adopted.

The senate at 2:25, on motion of Senator Pugh, went into executive session to consider the nomination of H. Beckwith to be an associate justice of the supreme court.

WESTERN PENSIONS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(Special to The Bee.)—Pensions granted. Issue of February 15: Baker, Superior, Neokla. Iowa: Original—Thomas M. V. Dawson, Colfield, Wright. Reissue—Nathaniel Alford, Perry, Dallas; Howard R. Allen, Irwin, Shelby.

South Dakota: Reissue—Cyrus A. B. Fox, Sioux Falls, Minnehaha. Original widows, etc.—Minor of Oliver H. King, Parker, Turner.

Montana: Original widows, etc.—Elizabeth Moresaus, Great Falls, Cascade. Colorado: Original widows, etc.—Mary J. Thompson, Denver, Arapahoe.

RECOMMENDS HIS SALE.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—The senate committee on Indian affairs today ordered a favorable report of the bill providing for the sale of the unsold portion of the Unatilla reservation in Oregon.

ARRESTED THE CASHIER.

Alma Hague Charged with Embezzling the Bank's Funds. SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 16.—Alma Hague, member of the council of the legislative assembly for the Fifth district and for eight years cashier of the National bank at Nephi, was arrested this evening in the legislature halls on complaint of Bank Examiner Zeph T. Hill, who charges her with embezzling and misappropriating \$24,570 of the bank's funds.

Last Thursday the cashier of the bank accused him of making false entries and he admitted his guilt. On Wednesday he transferred all his private property to the bank and returned to his legislative duties, believing that prosecution would not follow. Tuesday the bank examiner arrived from Denver and learning the condition of affairs, ordered Hague's arrest. Hague has always borne a good reputation. He successfully filled the offices of county attorney, county recorder, probate judge and mayor, and in the last election carried a formerly hopelessly democratic district for the republican party by a handsome majority.

Captured the Murderers.

ARRESTED, I. T., Feb. 16.—The Louisiana murderers have been captured near here and sent turned over to Sheriff Thompson of Shreveport, La. They are George Wash-

ington, alias Green, for whose capture a reward of \$500 is being paid, Jim Taylor and William Brent. They are all negroes.

WAS NAYED BY THE SHOUTS.

Death of a German Convict Who Came Very Near Being Hanged.

BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The death of a convict of the name of Kueschner in the dramatic manner in which this man received a reprieve. He was sentenced in 1855 to death for the murder of a shopkeeper in Leipzig. The day for his execution had arrived and he was already on the scaffold and the knife was about to fall, when a messenger arrived with a reprieve from King John just in time to save his head. The shouts of the masses which were taken up by the crowd caused the executioner to delay his work. The man's sentence was commuted to penal servitude for life. He has since confessed that he had committed the crime for which he was punished.

LOBENGLUA IS DEAD.

Report Confirmed, but No Details of His Death Are Yet Known.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 16.—The death of King Lobengula is confirmed. No particulars have reached here up to the time this dispatch is sent.

Fought a French Duel.

PARIS, Feb. 16.—A duel with swords was fought today between ex-Minister Waldeck-Rousseau and Count Frisch de Fels. The duel was fought at a distance of 100 paces. The duel was fought from a remark made by M. Waldeck-Rousseau at a recent trial which was supposed to reflect upon the Count's wife.

Northwestern Fruit Growers.

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 16.—Some hundred delegates interested in fruit culture are in attendance at the first general convention of horticulturists ever held in the Pacific northwest. The fruit display is the best ever collected in this section.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Domestic.

Henry A. Redmond was yesterday convicted of manslaughter in the first degree at Chandler, Okl.

Friday night two masked men robbed the store of William Thomas, near El Reno, I. T., carrying off \$1,000.

John Milligan, a negro murderer, was yesterday sentenced by Judge Scott of Oklahoma city to be hanged April 6.

J. C. Alexander, one of the most extensive fruit raisers in the state, has been killed by a cold snap. He has entirely killed the peach crop. "Rev." P. H. Hensley, a colored preacher of Kansas City, Kan., was yesterday sent to the penitentiary for obtaining money under false pretenses.

By a confession of judgment for \$10,000, the Excelsior Furniture company of Rockford, Ill., was yesterday taken possession of by the sheriff.

The first case of smallpox in Depece, Wis., is directly traceable to imported rags. The case is that of an employe of the Shattuck & Babcock paper mill.

Petitions in the Iron Hall receivership, filed in Indianapolis within the last two days, distributed new questions with reference to the distribution of the assets.

The session of the transmission bill congress at San Francisco yesterday passed numerous resolutions, and the members succeeded in raising numerous parliamentary disturbances.

By the falling of a pile driver which was used by building contractors at the corner of Third and Broadway streets, New Orleans, yesterday, three men were injured, one of them fatally.

Weather Forecaster Moore of Milwaukee says a gale and predicts a fierce gale, probably from the north and west, which will reach the velocity of thirty-five or forty miles an hour.

While a number of unemployed men were waiting in line at the electric office in St. Louis, waiting for a distribution of food, two became engaged in a quarrel and one of them was killed by the other.

The assay commission met at Philadelphia yesterday and received the reports of the various committees. The reports showed that the assay commission had exceeded the limit of tolerance as to weight and fineness.

An application has been filed in the common police court at Tiffin, O., asking for the dissolution of the Fortoria Window Glass and Bottle company and the appointment of a receiver for both.

Friday night near Durant, I. T., Edward Donaldson and John House were returning from a dance. Donaldson was shot in the shoulder which was accidentally discharged, the ball striking Donaldson and killing him instantly.

The silk ribbon weavers' strike for increase in pay, which has been pending for some days, went into effect yesterday. The strike is conducted by branch No. 1 of the union, which is a union of New York, and includes 850 men.

In the closing session of the International Association of Builders yesterday at Boston several resolutions concerning the establishment of trade schools for the illal applicants were introduced and referred to the committee on resolutions.

The Dick, an Indian, who murdered Thomas Gray last August, was executed by the county court house, seven miles west of Bufala, I. T., yesterday. The usual form of execution in that state is by hanging, but he was executed by shooting.

The executive committee of the State Farmers alliance has issued an address to the farmers of the state, asking them to unite with the alliance in order to secure redress from the evils which afflict the great mass of wealth producers.

Briggs, who was arrested August 1892, on a charge of kidnapping, was captured at the Sunny Side improvement company of that city to the extent of \$25,000, has been captured after a long chase, and is now en route to Portland in charge of officers of the law.

Frank Byrne of Providence, R. I., died there yesterday. He was a well known death revivier the story of the Phoenix park murders in Dublin twelve years ago. He was accused of having been concerned in the assassination of Lord Cavendish and Secretary Burke.

The jury in the West case yesterday returned a verdict of murder in the second degree. The jury was composed of twelve men and the verdict was returned by a majority of ten. The jury was composed of eastern capitalists and responsible Omaha men, and that they would not be large if the case the court was awarded them. He claimed that they were fully able and willing to carry out the law.

Residents in the Indian River country, Florida, to prevent a railroad building over their property, have planted mines of dynamite along the proposed right of way. The work of tracklaying, in consequence has been brought to a standstill, and the courts appealed to by the railroad company. A delegation of Orange and Polk counties are at Muskogee, I. T., to confer with the five tribes and the Indian commission. They will have several days. They will attend the international council at Checotah Monday, visit the Cherokee, confer with the Dawes commission and expect to go to Washington to lay their claims before the government.

Five men attempted to break into a saloon at Twelfth and Morgan streets, St. Louis, about 10 o'clock yesterday. The men were met at the door by an employe who was about to leave for home. A fight ensued, in which the employe, Charles Becker, emptied his revolver into the crowd, wounding two, one of them so badly that he had to be carried away.

Foreign.

William Ashworth, manager of the Castleton Spinning Manufacturing company at Castleton, England, was arrested on the charge of falsifying his accounts. Prince Colonna has left Paris for Naples. Maitre Corbelli of the counsel for the prince says that the prince Colonna is to regain possession of his children and that he will take the necessary steps to do so. Early during the present year Count Xavier de Broussard was captured by the English army, and against Browne's wife and his sister-in-law, Antonette Reynaud, who is the divorcee of the prince, would be charged with having abetted him as an adventurer and a bankrupt, a swindler and a convict from New Caledonia.

CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Jefferson Square Selected as the Site of the Proposed Market House.

BEINDORFF'S CLAIM WILL BE PAID. Electric Street Lighting Matter and Electrical Wiring Ordinance Referred to Special Committees—New Fire Limit Boundaries Described.

The city council met in committee of the whole last evening, with Jacobson in the chair, to consider several important matters referred to it at Tuesday night's meeting.

It was decided that Jefferson square should be the site of the proposed market house and auditorium. When the subject was brought up Hascall tried to bar it out on the ground that the committee on public property and buildings could not submit a report to the committee of the whole before going to the council.

Wheeler said the council so ordered at its last meeting. Two reports were received from the committee—one recommending the passage of the ordinance designating Jefferson square as the site for the market house, and the other recommending placing the bids for market house sites on file.

Saunders moved the adoption of the first report. He said he had looked into the legal obstacles and had found the objections baseless. He made a plea for a market house and concert hall that would benefit the city, and confessed that the general sentiment demanded it.

Hascall voiced a vehement protest against "the motion to reconsider" that had been made in the park by taxes wrong from the people.

"How absurd it is for this young man, to benefit the city by a lawyer, to say we can benefit the city by a lawyer, to say we can take it back," shouted the councilman from the first.

Hascall said the first ward could take the matter into court if he wanted to, and would have ample time before the next session of the legislature.

AS TO LEGALITY OF BONDS.

SAUNDERS' PROPOSITION. Saunders' proposition that none of the bonds voted last fall were legal because the total would exceed the bond limit, by citing a recent decision of the supreme court of Iowa, holding that bonds did not create indebtedness until issued. He also cited law to show that the title to Jefferson square was already in the city; and the park board did not have supreme control of it, but merely supervisory.

Hascall said there would be no damages arising from the proposed change owing to vested rights, but on the other hand the surrounding property owners had petitioned the council to reconsider the ordinance.

The motion to reconsider the report for adoption carried by the following vote: Yeas—Hechel, Burkley, Jacobsen, Saunders, Specht, Thomas, Wheeler, Howell—8. Nays—Hascall, LeMay, Parker, Backus—2.

A report was read from the committee on public property and buildings favoring the ordinance to open a branch office in Omaha, balance due for services in the construction of the city hall. The merits of the bill were discussed at some length, the points in favor of the bill being that it had already been published, and finally the report of the committee was recommended for adoption without a dissenting vote.

The new fire ordinance was recommended for passage as it stands, taking in the territory between Nicholas and Pierce streets, and between the river and Twenty-fourth street on the east and west.

WIRING ORDINANCE REFERRED.

On motion of Wheeler it was decided to recommend the electrical ordinance for reconsideration. The electrician had violated his official oath in not sending in another name after the appointment of Cowgill had been rejected.

Wheeler rather took the wind out of the first reader's sails by declaring that under something was done in the way of providing for better electrical wiring and inspection the men who had wired in their buildings would be a species without insurance, as the insurance companies would not stand it any longer. He fully agreed, however, with all that had been said about the electrician. He was the man to adopt the ordinance.

Hascall discovered that he had taken the wrong cue, and promptly fell into line as indicated by Wheeler. The report was referred to the special committee, which will consist of Wheeler, Burkley and Saunders.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING MATTER.

The committee on gas and electric lights submitted a report declaring that under the lighting that were opened at the last meeting of the council. The report set forth that the committee had talked with Mr. Parker, who had stated that his company was composed of eastern capitalists and responsible Omaha men, and that they would not be large if the case the court was awarded them. He claimed that they were fully able and willing to carry out the law.

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